



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR
WOMEN**

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Monday, January 13, 2014

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (14-0367)

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Call to Order. (14-0146)

President Veda E. Ward called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m., and welcomed Commissioners and guests to the meeting.

Commissioner Alice Petrossian joined the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

Present: President Veda E. Ward Ph.D., Vice President Becky A. Shevlin, Treasurer Charlotte Lesser, Commissioner Carolyn Aoki-Hyatt, Commissioner Dora de la Rosa,, Commissioner Ana Maria Garcia, Commissioner Alice S. Petrossian and Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez

Excused: Commissioner Reiko Duba, Commissioner Norma L. Gallegos and Commissioner Gerda Govine Ed.D.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of December 9, 2013. (14-0172)

On motion of Vice President Becky A. Shevlin, seconded by Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez, this item was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - President Veda E. Ward Ph.D., Vice President Becky A. Shevlin, Treasurer Charlotte Lesser, Commissioner Carolyn Aoki-Hyatt, Commissioner Dora de la Rosa,, Commissioner Alice S. Petrossian and Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez

Abstentions: 1 - Commissioner Ana Maria Garcia

Excused: 3 - Commissioner Reiko Duba, Commissioner Norma L. Gallegos and Commissioner Gerda Govine Ed.D.

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2. Discussion and approval to purchase promotional items in an amount not to exceed \$250.00 from the President's fund and \$250.00 from the Undesignated fund, to be used to further promote the Los Angeles County Commission for Women at future events. (13-5926)
3. Rescind Item No. 5 of the August 12, 2013 Commission approval of a \$500 donation to the California Consumer Affairs Association for the Health Care Consumer Protection Summit of 2014 that will provide an opportunity for women and girls to work together on initiatives to detect, prevent, and combat current and emerging health care fraud and related issues. (13-2660)

On motion of Commissioner Alice S. Petrossian, seconded by Commissioner Charlotte Lesser, unanimously carried, this item was approved.

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4. Discussion and approval of creating the 2014 Nominating Committee and selecting Commissioners to serve on the Committee, as requested by Commissioner Charlotte Lesser at the meeting of December 9, 2013. (13-5851)

During discussion Vice President Becky A. Shevlin, Commissioners Charlotte Lesser and Olivia G. Rodriguez volunteered to serve as members of the 2014 Nominating Committee.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Charlotte Lesser, seconded by Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez, unanimously carried, this item was approved.

II. REPORTS

5. Report by Anita Drummond-Sepolen, Appraiser, Los Angeles County Assessor's Office, on the Department of Public Works Women's Leadership Legacy Conference held November 2013. (14-0142)

Ms. Anita Drummond-Sepolen, Appraiser, Los Angeles County Assessor's Office, provided an overview of the Department of Public Works Women's Leadership Legacy Conference held November 14, 2013 at the Pasadena Civic Center. She reported that the conference was well represented by professional women from local and national government

academia backgrounds, as well as from both public and private sector. She also reported that the main thrust of the conference is that women should implement a revolution of change. Women who are in positions with ability to implement change has a responsibility to reach back and help young women and girls break through the Glass Ceiling. She concluded by reporting that education, civic leadership, adaptability, service and integrity, and the ability to collaborate is essential to being successful.

President Veda E. Ward and Commissioner Ana Maria Garcia commented on this item.

Commissioner Alice Petrossian addressed the Commission regarding making a small number of tickets to Commission sponsored events be made available to members of the public and County employees in support of making the Commission more visible.

Dr. Genevieve Clavruel commented on this item.

President Veda E. Ward thank Ms. Drummond-Sepolen for her report and directed staff to forward information regarding the 29th Annual "Women of the Year" Awards and Scholarship Luncheon to Ms. Drummond-Sepolen.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was filed.

6. President's Report for January 2014. (14-0148)

President Veda E. Ward reported that on Saturday, January 18, 2014 she will be a guest presenter at the Association of California Commissions for Women's Winter Retreat, which will be held at the Biltmore Hotel in downtown Los Angeles. She also reported that she has read information regard big and little data pertaining to the viability of Commissions for Women.

Commissioner Lesser stated that the ACCW has implemented an assessment tool, which is to help in improving the lives of women.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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7. Treasurer's Report as of November 2013. (Continued from the meeting of December 9, 2013) (13-5349)

Treasurer Charlotte Lesser provided an overview of the Treasurer's report, and noted that donation to Los Angeles County Consumer Affairs would not be funded because the requisite guidelines were not met by Consumer Affairs. She also reported that the Commission for Women's 2013 Women of the Year Awards Luncheon realized a profit of approximately \$9,000.

On motion of Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Alice S. Petrossian, unanimously carried, this item was received and filed.

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8. Report by Chair Becky A. Shevlin on the 2014 "Women of the Year" Awards and Scholarship Luncheon. (14-0149)

Vice President Becky A. Shevlin reported that the Luncheon Committee's teleconference meeting was held on January 8, 2014. She announced the following 2014 Supervisorial Districts and Community At-Large "Women of the Year" honorees were selected as follows:

Supervisorial Districts

First District

- Alma Martinez

Second District

- Will submit honorees names by end of week.

Third District

- Va Lecia Adams and Rosi Dagit

Fourth District

- Mariko Kahn

Fifth District

- Joan Schmidt and Judy Cooperberg

Community At-Large

- Business/Labor - Kathryn Sutro;

- Health - Robina Smith;
- Law and Public Safety - Pamela Booth; and
- Education, Brenda Lyle Dyson Robinson.

Vice President Becky A. Schevlin would like the Commission to explore collaborating with the department of Public Works' Office of Womens Health to discuss effective ways to market the Commission and make their events successful, and increase support from Department of Public Works and other County Departments.

Commissioner Charlotte Lesser recommends having the Luncheon Committee look at the events program's timeline.

Emma DE Jesus will provide Committee with event draft script for review.

Commissioner Carolyn Aoki-Hyatt commented on this item.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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9. Staff Report by Emma De Jesus. (14-0150)

Emma De Jesus, Staff Commission Services, introduced Theresa Argonza of CEO Graphics Department to address criteria for the Souvenir Journal and invitations and selection of paper and ink colors. Ms. Emma de Jesus also reported that the Sybil Brand Conference room is scheduled for renovation; date is yet to be determined. Scholarship recipients have started submitting request for scholarship disbursements. Supervisors Gloria Molina indicated she will purchase 17 Luncheon tickets, event registration will begin Wednesday, January 23, 2014 and the event notifications have been posted on County website. She also updated the Commissioners on the current process for mileage submittal.

Vice President Becky A. Shevlin, Commissioners Charlotte Lesser, Alice Petrossian, Dora de la Rosa and Alice Petrossian commented on this item

III. MISCELLANEOUS**Matters Not Posted**

10. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Committee, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (14-0143)

There were no matters presented.

Public Comment

11. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (14-0144)

Dr. Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Commission regarding Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital, Obamacare, and the Blue Ribbon Commission and shared several articles with the Commission.

During Public Comment, Commissioners made the following announcements:

- **Vice President Becky A. Shevlin announced that she attended the December 2013 Southern California Association of Government's Fourth Annual "Southern California Economic Recovery Job Creation Summit". She is a member of the League of California Cities Women Caucus, and that there are several elected positions that need to be filled.**
- **Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez announced that the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination State Act will be implemented in March 2014.**

Commissioner Dora de la Rosa announced that she is involved with local Chamber of Commerce and also serve on the Board.

President Veda E. Ward announced that it's very difficult for students to find entry level management positions after graduation. Commissioner Dora de la Rosa would be a great advocate/speaker at college campuses in addressing these issues.

Commissioner Ana Maria Garcia announced that she belongs to a Statewide Taskforce on Diversity, in particularly Council on Access and Fairness. She also announced that the Taskforce is working on pipeline initiative for careers in law.

Commissioner Alice Petrossian announced that the State Bar is sponsoring Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye's Civic Learning Taskforce. On February 7, 2014, at the Los Angeles Office of Education from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the Taskforce will take input from the public on Civic Education in schools. On Saturday, January 18, 2014, she will be a Guest Speaker in San Jose CA on "Women and the Importance of Networking beyond your Professional Group".

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was filed.

Adjournment

- 12. Adjournment for the meeting of Monday, January 13, 2013. (14-0145)**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.